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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3656

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: AUFISCHER ET AL. - 1 PCT (RCE)

SERIAL NO.: 10/582,560 EXAMINER: James PILKINGTON

FILED: JUNE 12, 2006 GROUP: 3656

TITLE: FRICTION BEARING

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 11, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the basis of the following:

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 2 of this paper.